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SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL DRUG ABUSE REDUCTION SEMINAR, OCTOBER
19 TO NOVEMBER 16, 1975.

RF: A) STATE 128132 B) SANTIAGO 4586

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES DOCTOR MARIA ROSA MAS TORNER
(FAMILY NAME MAS) FOR SUBJECT SEMINAR.

2. JUSTIFICATION: DR. MAS IS HEAD OF PHARMACEUTICAL
SECTION OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SNS) UNDER
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS SECTION HAS RESPONSIBILITY
FOR CONTROL OF ALL LEGAL RPT LEGAL IMPORTATION, LICENSING,
DISTRIBUITIION OF DRUGS. BY
NATURAL EXTENSION SECTION HAS MOVED INTO COMPLEMENTARY
AREAS OF CONTROL OF ILLEGAL NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS
DRUGS, PROISION OF HELATH SERVICES TO THOSE AF-
FECTED BY NARCOTICS, AND INTO PROLEM OF COORDINA-
TION AND PLANNING IN THE NON-ENFORCEMNT ASPECTS
OF ILLEGAL NARCOTS, THESE ARE AREAS IN WHICH GOC
HAS BEEN FAR LESS EFFECTIVE AND LESS CONCERNED WHILE
IT HAS CONCENTRATED ITS ENERGIES UPON ENFORCEMENT AND
UPON REDUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN
COCAINE WHICH HAS BEEN OF PRIME CONCERN TO USG. PRE-
SENCE OF AN INTERESTED, ACTIVE AND COMPETENT PERSON
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SUCH AS DR. MAS AT HEAD OF AN OFFICE WHICH HAS

BUREAUCRATIC LEVERAGE THROUGH FAR-REACHING MECHANISMS OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE HAS RESULTED IN PREDICTABLE GRAVITATION TO DR. MAS OF INFLUENCE AND POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT UPON GOC PLANS AND ACTIVITIES IN NON-ENFORCEMENT ASPECT OF NARCOTICS.

3. MOST OBVIOUS EVIDENCE OF THIS SELECTION BY GOC OF DR. MAS TO REPRESENT CHILE AT ECOSOC NARCOTICS CONFERENCE LAST FEBRUARY IN GENEVA. UPON HER RETURN DR. MAS BRIEFED UNDER SEC OF MIN OF JUSTICE AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS. SHE ALSO WROTE AND DISTRIBUTED WIDELEY TIN GOC A LENGTHY AND USEFUL REPORT ON THE ECOSOC CONFERENCE, WITH HER RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH INCLUDED KEY POINT WE HAVE TRIED TO MAKE TO GOC: THE NEED FOR A CENTRALIZED, COORDINATING MECHANISM IN GOC FOR NARCOTICS MATTERS.

4. EMBASSY NARCOTICS COMMITTEE HAS RECOGNIZED AND REPORTED IN ANNUAL NCAP SUBMISSIONS FACT THAT OUR OWN AND GOC'S INTEREST IN NARCOTICS PROBLEM HAS PROPERLY FOCUSED ON PRIORITY AREA OF REDUCTION OF TRAFFICKING OF COCAINE TO US. CHILE HAS MINOR DOMESTIC PROBLEM WITH HARD DRUGS, BUT IS INCREASINGLY AWARE OF AND CONCERNED OVER DOMESTIC USE OF MARIJUANA AND NONOPIATE DRUGS, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG. GOC EFFORTS TO DATE HAVE LARGELY CENTERED UPON EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS DOMESIC DRUG USE THROUGH SAME TYPES OF ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGNS WHICH HAVE PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, WTH US (DEA) SUPPORT, AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN COCAINE. USG HAS PROVIDED NO SUPPORT TO NON-ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF NARCOTIS PROBLEM, BYOND ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUAL TRAINING GRANTS IN US FOR CHILEAN PROFESSIONALS. THIS HAS BEEN USG POLICY IN ABSENCE ANY CLEAR IDEA ON PART OF GOC OF WHAT IT COULD OR WOULD DO. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO VARIOUS GOC CONTACTS THAT USG IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ASSISTANCE TO WELL-PLANNED PROJECTS IN DRUG ABUSE PRVENTION IF AND WHEN GOC OR RESPONSIBLE PRIVATE AGENCIES HAVE CONCRETE PROPOSALS.

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5. IT IS LIKELY THAT GOC WILL IN NEXT YEAR OR TWO MOVE BEYOND THE EXPLORATORY, PRELIMINARY STAGE OF LECTURES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AND DISCUSSION SEMINARS OF PROFESSIONALS (IN MENTAL HEALTH, FOR EXAMPLE) WHOSE WORK BEINGS THEM INDIRECTLY INTO CONTACT WITH DRUG PROBLEMS. WITH STRONG INTEREST AND INITIATIVE FROM EVEN ONE OFFICIAL IN A KEY JOB, INCREASING

CHILEAN AWARENESS AND CONCERN OVER DOMESTIC
NARCOTICS USE MAY PRODUCE A NARCOTICS COORDINATING
MECHANISM IN GOC AND ABUSE PREVENTION PROJECTS
TO WHICH WE CAN CONTRIBUTE. BOTH GOC AND CHILEAN
PUBLIC ARE WELL AWARE OF US INTEREST IN AND CONTRIBUTION
TO ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT
TO DEMONSTRATE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CHILEAN DOMESTIC
CONCERN OVER DRUG ABUSE.

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6. ATTENDANCE BY DR. MAS AT THIS SEMINAR WOULD
SERVE THREE PURPOSES, ALL OF WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE
TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR PLANS: (A) OPPORTUNITY
FOR CHILEAN OFFICIAL SUCH AS DR. MAS TO ATTEND
SEMINAR WOULD ITSELF DEMONSTRATE TO GOC AND CHILEAN
PEOPLE USG INTEREST IN NON-ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF
DRUG ABUSE; (B) ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR WOULD DISTIN-
GUISH DR. MAS AND INCREASE HER PRESTIGE AND THUS,
HOPEFULLY, HER ABILITY TO INFLUENCE GOC IN DIREC-
TIONS WE BELIEVE APPROPRIATE; (C) PROVIDE THIS KEY
OFFICIAL WITH KNOWLEDGE AND INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS
WHICH SHE CAN USE IN MOVING GOC INTO DRUG ABUSE
PREVENTION FIELD.

7. DR. MAS HAS A STRONG AND CONFIDENT PERSONALITY.
SHE SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF ATTEN-
DING THE SEMINAR, AND WE THINK SHE WOULD MAKE GOOD
USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY. HER COMMAND OF ENGLISH
APPEARS TO MEET CRITERIA INDICATED IN REFTEL A.
DR. MAS SAID THAT SHE HAD LITTLE DOUBT THAT HER

MINISTRY WOULD BE DELIGATED IF SHE WERE ACCEPTED
FOR SEMINAR AND WOULD APPROVE HER ABSENCE. GOC IS
NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION CONTRIBUTE TO COST OF TRAVEL.

8. BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

FULL NAME: MARIA ROSA MAS TORNER (FAMILY NAME MAS).
TITLE: PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST.
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PRESENT POSITION: CHIEF PAHRMACEUTICAL SECTION,
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SNS)
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HELATH.

PAST POSITIONS: ADVISOR, INSPECTOR, CHIEF PHARMACEUTICAL DEPT.
SAN JUAN DE DIOS HOSPITAL, ALL IN SNS.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

DPOBO: JULY 1, 1930, BARCELONA, SPAIN.
NATIONALITY CHILEAN
CIVIL STATUS: MARRIED
CHILDREN: 2, AGES 17 AND 20.
ADDRESS: HOME: ATAHUALPA NO. 1964, SANTIAGO
OFFICE: MONJITAS 665, OFICINA 45, SANTIAGO.

NEXT OF KIN FOR NOTIFICATION: HUSBAND, HUMBERTO VOTTERO HENRIQUEZ.

EDUCATION: ELIZABETH COLLEGEMN UNIVE OF CHILE. 1957 - PHARMACEUTICA
CHEMIST 1966 - DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

ASSOCIATION: ASSOCIATIN OF PAARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS OF CHILE
CHILEAN HEALTH SOCIETY

TRAVEL: US - 8 VISIT OVER PERIOD 1958 - 1972 AS TOURIST.
ARGENTNA, URUGUAY, PERU, EUROPEAN COUNTRIES,
AS TOURIST: ARGENTINA SIX WEEKS 1971, ON
ARGENTINE GRANT: SWITZERLAND - 1975, GOC
DELEGATE TO UNESCO CONFERENCE.

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: (SELF-RATED)
SPEAKING: TECH/ PROF: FAIR
COMPREHENSION: TECH/PROF: FAIR
READING: TECH/PROF: GOOD.
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COMPREHENSION: SOCIAL GOOD
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